

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, May 1, 1895, with transcript

May 1, 1895 Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Alec,
My own dear love:

You have never I think come home from an absence to our dear new house without a welcome from me and I don't purpose that you shall begin now. If I can not welcome you in person at least I will by letter. Think that the kisses I would give you are contained here.

It is harder for me to go away this time than I think you can realize. I do not want to go one single bit, and would welcome anything, but sorrow, that would make me feel that it is not my duty to go. As matters stand today it seems to me that I can do no less for the children whom we have brought into the world and for whose well-being and happiness we are responsible.

But I don't want to go from you Alec, my dear husband. Take care of yourself, don't sit up late every night and above all don't work as you did last winter.

Now I want to tell you how very happy I am that we have had these last six weeks to ourselves, for ourselves. I had wanted you so much and I felt that the only way I could hope to have you really was to go away with you. I wanted to be alone with you and did not much care where we went. As it happened we went to one of the countries where I most wanted your company and sympathy, so I feel that I have had a great deal. You were very, very good to me all the time and I thank and love you for it all. Don't quite forget me in the midst of your experiments and write me sometimes. You and Mr. Lyon and Mr. Paris are all in the library together as I write now. Where will you and I be when you get this?

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Ever your Mabel. Tuesday Evening, May 1, (1895) 1331 Conn. Avenue. Washington, D. C.